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Some Suspicion

Ex-Castro Big Wheel Returns to Miami for Different Reason

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MIAMI, Jan. 28—A one-time big wheel in the Cuban rebel army, who was handed the key to the city on his last visit here, returned (still in uniform but minus his beard) seeking asylum yesterday.

This time he was:

- Questioned eight hours by Federal agents.
- Threatened with, and nearly given, a punch in the nose.
- Whisked off to Texas for further confinement and questioning.

It was obvious neither the Federal government nor all of Miami's anti-Castro Cubans were completely satisfied Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo and his 18 traveling companions were on the up-and-up.

The 19 arrived in Key West aboard three small boats Thursday. They were brought here yesterday.

Gutierrez Manoyo once was called "the man who, outside of Fidel Castro, did the most to overthrow Dictator Fulgen- cio Batista."

TARGET

Yesterday he was called many things by the 45 Cuban exiles who waited hours outside the Immigration Service building for a glimpse of him.

Some called him friend. Others spat out, "commu- nist!" Most seemed to feel they'd go slow with a man who'd taken two years to see the light and pull the switch.

During the 1954-58 campaign against Batista, Maj. Gutier- rez Manoyo commanded 5000 rebels in Central Cuba.

His men, the army of the "second front of the Esca- bray," wore their own insig- nia, different from that of Castro's 26th of July troops in Eastern Cuba.

Castro and Gutierrez Ma- noyo had much in common, however, including

the same multi-millionaire angel, former President Carlos Prio Socarras, who'd been ousted by Batista.

Three months after Batista's fall, Gutierrez Manoyo and six whiskered shadows flew into Miami and got the city's key, reluctantly checked their pistols at a hotel desk and spent a few days on the town.

He said then he was pro- Castro and anti-Communist. He said he didn't want a Castro government job. He didn't get one. Several months later he left the army and opened a bar in Havana.

SECRETIVE

After the 19 fugitives ar- rived at Key West Thursday, the Immigration Service re- fused to name any of them. But the Cuban exile grapevine soon hummed with details.

The news was not wel- comed by Paul Tate, Ameri- can, who runs the Episcopal refugee center here. Mr. Tate spent 30 years heading a church school in Camaguey.

"I'd put them all on the next train back," he said.

"Gutierrez Manoyo was one of those who double-crossed anti-Castro Cubans in 1959. They coaxed those people into an 'invasion army' and then handed them on a silver platter to Fidel."

Another American who found the news unpalatable was Alexander I. Rorke Jr., a free lance magazine and TV news writer.

"Gutierrez Manoyo and his

thugs arrested me and punched me around for nine days in 1959," sizzled Mr. Rorke. "Now I'm going to punch him in the nose."

SECURITY MEASURES

Outside the Immigration building, the Immigration men followed security pre- cautions worthy of a presi- dential guard. They lined up six cars by a side door and pushed the throng a half block down the street.

Into the first car the troop- ers hustled three refugees in- cluding the 27 year old Gutier- rez Manoyo. But the fast get- away plans were thwarted by a red traffic light. The crowd swarmed close.

Mr. Rorke charged and got within three feet of his quarry before a Federal man bear-hooked him out of range.

Afterward, Immigration Di- rector Edward J. Ahrens said: "We are holding these men out of sight. . . . They are being taken to the Immi- gration detention camp at Mc- Allen, Tex., for further pro- cessing and questioning. No, I still can't reveal their names."